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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, US

SUBJ: EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR PERSONNEL DEPARTURE

REF: STATE 92494

1. CHIEF, AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DIVISION, MOFA TOLD US LATE THIS EVENING THAT APPROVAL HAD BEEN GRANTED FOR 3 MAAG, 2 NARMU, AND ONE USIS PERSONNEL TO REMAIN UNTIL APRIL 30. AS INDICATED IN EARLIER MESSAGES, WHILE I HAVE PROTESTED 4 DAY LIMIT AND ASKED FOR GENERAL EXTENSION, I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PREMISE THAT IT PREFERABLE TO GET PERSONNEL OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HAVE THEREFORE ENVISAGED DC-8 FLIGHT WEDNESDAY APRIL 27 FOR THIS PURPOSE. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RAISE MATTER OF GENERAL EXTENSION WITH JOINT COMMISSION SINCE IT HAS YET TO MEET. PROBLEMS INVOLVING AIRCRAFT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE THAT HAVE SURFACED TONIGHT HOWEVER, MAY MAKE IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST EXTENSION FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TOMORROW. WE WILL DISCUSS IN THE MORNING AND INFORM. MEANWHILE DEPT SHOULD BE

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ASSURED THAT WE HAVE MADE STRONGEST REPRESENTATIONS WE CAN FOR EXTENSION (E.G. ADDIS 2478).

2. WE SHALL RETURN TO THE CHARGE AGAIN TOMORROW RE REMOVAL OF ALL REMAINING CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT AT CONGEN ASMARA. RE KAGNEW, I AM RELUCTANT TO PRESS ISSUE OF ANY MATERIAL THERE IN FACE OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOTH WAUCHOPE AND FAHNA (ADDIS 2514).

THEY MUST LIVE WITH SITUATION, THEY ARE AWARE OF ERRATIC BEHAVIOR OF EPMG MILITARY, AND THEY KNOW FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WE IN ADDIS ARE TOLD HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO ASMARA SIMPLY DONT REACH ASMARA AUTHROITIES OR TRANSLATE INTO DIFFERENT LANGUAGE. WITHOUT WRITTEN ASSURANCE (WHICH MOST UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN) THEY CANT RE-ENTER KAGNEW AND REMOVE EQUIPMENT, JUDGEMENT OF OUR PEOPLE ON SPOT IS THAT IT TOO RISKY TO RELY ON ANY OTHER ASSURANCES. I DO NOT FEEL I CAN SECOND-GUESS THEM.

3. WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN BUT OUR PERSONNEL IN ASMARA HAVE ALREADY HAD DIFFICULT TIME AND I DO NOT WISH TO MAKE THINGS ANY HARDER FOR THEM. IN ANY CASE DEPT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PARA 5 OF ASMARA 358 CONCERNING DESTRUCTION FROM WHICH IT APPEARS TO US THAT THERE IS OR WILL BE NOTHING FURTHER OF CLASSIFIED NATURE TO DISPOSE OF.
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